

## INTRODUCTION.

In this day, when we have ceased being surprised at anything, when the worst tragedies and direst catastrophes no longer shock us, it is only the unusual and extraordinary that gets our attention. When an individual like Sergeant Alvin York distinguishes himself for bravery and conspicuous service in battle, we are interested in learning all we can about his life and his deeds of heroism. The same is true of a military unit that has won distinction. To excel, to win, is characteristic of the American spirit. As a people, we are still in the period of hero worship. We are proud of that man or team which wins. Likewise, we are proud of an army or a military unit that is victorious in battle. And when that particular unit has a distinguished record, full of daring exploits, we want to know its history. The 321st infantry has a history that is worthy of preserving and passing on to those who served with the regiment, to their friends, and to all people who want to know just what experiences the American soldiers passed through in France while they trained, worked, played, and fought to help win the World War.